

**Minutes  
Hurst City Council  
Work Session  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020, at 5:45 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, by telephone conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with the following members present:

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| Henry Wilson          | ) | Mayor                           |
| Jon McKenzie          | ) | Mayor Pro Tem                   |
| David Booe            | ) | Councilmembers                  |
| Larry Kitchens        | ) |                                 |
| Cathy Thompson        | ) |                                 |
| Bill McLendon         | ) |                                 |
| Cindy Shepard         | ) |                                 |
| Clay Caruthers        | ) | City Manager                    |
| Matthew Boyle         | ) | Assistant City Attorney         |
| Malaika Marion Farmer | ) | Assistant City Manager          |
| Rita Frick            | ) | City Secretary                  |
| Sunny Patel           | ) | Information Technology Director |
| David Palla           | ) | Fire Chief                      |

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum, at which time, the following business was transacted:

**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

**II. Informational Items**

- **Update and Discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Clay Caruthers noted no calendar items. Mayor Wilson noted the conference center is considering a drive in movie, Saturday, June 13.
- **Update and Discussion of State and Local reopening plans due to COVID-19** – City Manager Caruthers gave detailed City facilities reopening schedules also noting several facilities reducing operating schedules. He explained the reduced hours are due to increased time for sanitation practices and also cash flow and revenues issues. He stated the City's reopening schedule is similar to other cities in the area. He explained the Senior Center opening is currently scheduled for July 6 with strict usage practices to protect a high risk group. He stated the City is not requiring face masks city-wide, but Senior Center staff will wear masks. In response to Council questions, Mr. Caruthers stated staff has installed Plexiglas in the permitting area and will also consider it for the Senior Center.
- **Review and Discussion for Furniture, Finishes and building materials for the Animal Services Facility** – City Manager Caruthers stated, as discussed, the City

is moving forward with the Animal Service Facility construction in that the bond money is already in the bank. He noted some water level delays with the pier drilling, but is not having to work around school traffic delays. He stated they are now at a point where the architects need to submit orders for the finish out package and introduced Ron Hobbs and Wadonna Stich, Ron Hobbs Architects, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation including the building materials, finishes and furniture renderings. Mr. Hobbs noted the color scheme is a gray, tan, green and blue concept modeled from the site to pick up the flavor of nature fall and spring colors. He noted various decorative panels, flooring, fabrics and coatings designed for acoustics and protection from wear in the facility. Mr. Hobbs and Ms. Stich also reviewed proposed furniture, shelving, and art pieces. In response to Council questions, Ms. Stich stated there are plans to have a cat collage, the kennels are the same size, which gives more flexibility when segregating the animals and also includes additional separation pods in the kennels for healthy animals and unhealthy animals. Ms. Stich stated the furniture is very comfortable.

### **III. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 2**

Consider authorizing the city manager to execute a Contract for Switched Ethernet on Demand Services

City Manager Caruthers noted this item provides for the telecommunication connectivity for the dispatch center, and is a very crucial service. He stated unfortunately, the City will see a \$9,600 a year increase, with AT&T having the lowest cost.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (Dakota Place Apartments) and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

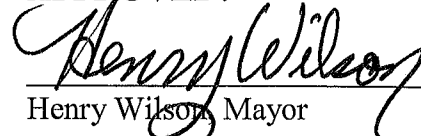
**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**APPROVED** this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
Rita Frick, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Henry Wilson, Mayor